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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter of appeal is on behalf of the Mason Public School District, BEN 131230, regarding the Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2006. Mason Public School District (MPSD) Form 471 Application Number is 502936. MPSD is appealing the decisions on the following FRNs:

FRN 1421791, AllTel Communications, SPIN: 143008900
FRN 1421869, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, SPIN: 143001727
FRN 1421894, Metronet Telecom, Inc., SPIN: 143004352
FRN 1421982, Millennium Digital Media, L.L.C., SPIN: 143006067
FRN 1440639, Nextel West Corp., SPIN: 143000893

The exact text on each of these decisions for the five FRNs listed above is:

"Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Period Violated

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration date of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the form 470 to the SLD Web Site."

MPSD feels that a waiver of the 28-day waiting period should be granted because of extenuating circumstances that could not be avoided even with careful planning.

For Funding Year 2006, as MPSD has successfully done in prior years in an effort to be punctual, we performed the preliminary data entry portion of the 471 online for the anticipated winning vendors one business day prior to the 28-day waiting period. As we had also successfully completed in prior years, we would then go back online after the 28-day waiting period and if the anticipated winning vendors had actually won, we would then perform the separate step to "Certify Complete" and finish the 471 filing. In the very unlikely event that the anticipated winning vendor had lost, we would then simply delete the online information for that particular FRN and enter the new vendor information and then perform the "Certify Complete".

However, for this submission, even though we performed the preliminary data-entry portion as usual, and, to the best of our ability we carefully read and processed the information messages displayed to us online, when we clicked on the "SUBMIT" button for each FRN, we had no idea that the process had changed and we were actually doing a two-step process and in essence performing a "Certify Complete" also. We thought that the purpose of the "SUBMIT" button was to simply save all of the online data that we had entered. As we have stated before, we then believed that we would go back online after the 28-day waiting period and verify that all of the vendor information was complete and then perform the "Certify Complete".

For services that MPSD felt uncertain about whom the winning vendor would be, we would not perform this preliminary data entry. This was the case for pager services for Funding Year 2006. This service was on the same Form 471 Application Number 502936 as the other services that were denied. This pager service is FRN 1460752, American Messaging (AM), Inc., SPIN 143003128. At the very least, the fact that we waited to enter the pager service vendor information after the 28-day period demonstrates two things. The first is that we only performed the preliminary data entry on the other services as an effort to be punctual. The second thing it demonstrates is that we were definitely confused and did not realize that the process of submitting an FRN had changed from a two-step process to a one-step process.

As MPSD is sure you are aware, Michigan's economy is struggling severely and its schools have felt the pain. MPSD believes that because of the special circumstances explained above, it would serve the public interest of our school district to grant a waiver of the 28-day waiting period.

Sincerely,

Jerome F. Brzezinski

Jerome F. Brzezinski, Director

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FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2006: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007)

September 6, 2006

Heather Thomas
MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
235 Temple Street
MASON, MI 48854

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 502936
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 131230
Billed Entity FCC RN: 0005243845
Applicant's Form Identifier: 471MS0607

Thank you for your Funding Year 2006 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$15.05 is "Approved."
- The amount, \$28,005.58 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file Form 486 (Receipt of Service Confirmation Form). A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report precedes the Report.

A list of Important Reminders and Deadlines is included with this letter to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 - Form 471 Application Number 502936 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2006," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.

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3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

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Whippany, New Jersey 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with USAC first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

An applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

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A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each funding request in your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by USAC.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by USAC to each Block 5 of your Form 471. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following statuses:

1. "Funded" - the FRN is approved for support. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless USAC determined during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. "Not Funded" - the FRN is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for the Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. "As Yet Unfunded" - a temporary status assigned to an FRN when USAC is uncertain at the time the letter is sent about whether sufficient funds exist to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections Other than Basic Maintenance or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and with an "As Yet Unfunded" status on your Internal Connections requests. You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decisions on your Internal Connections requests.

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: The Form 470 Application Number associated with this FRN from Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by USAC to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund Programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider, if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes, if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The Service Start Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 19 of your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The Contract Expiration Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 20b of your Form 471, if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a for "site specific" FRNs only.

NUMBER OF MONTHS RECURRING SERVICE PROVIDED IN FUNDING YEAR: The number of months of service that has been approved for the funding year, for recurring services.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY USAC: The discount rate that USAC approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: The total amount of funding that USAC has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that both you and your service provider recognize that USAC should be invoiced and that disbursement of funds will be made only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FCDL DATE: The date of this Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).

WAVE NUMBER: The wave number assigned to FCDLs issued on this date.

LAST ALLOWABLE DATE FOR DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION FOR NON-RECURRING SERVICES: The last date approved by the FCC for delivery and installation of eligible non-recurring services (e.g., equipment). (The last allowable date for delivery and installation of recurring services is always the last day of the fund year, that is, June 30, 2007 for Funding Year 2006.)

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEN: 131230
Funding Year: 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 502936
Funding Request Number: 1421791
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143008900
Service Provider Name: AllTel Communications
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 5991137299
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,670.80
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$439.90
Pre-discount Amount: \$4,110.70
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

FCDL Date: 09/06/2006

Wave Number: 020

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

Funding Request Number: 1421869
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143001727
Service Provider Name: Michigan Bell Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 517 676-2484 5433
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$43,235.28
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$0.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$43,235.28
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEN: 131230
Funding Year: 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 502936
Funding Request Number: 1421894
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143004352
Service Provider Name: Metronet Telecom, Inc.
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 11086
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,325.60
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,325.60
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

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Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

Funding Request Number: 1421982
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143006067
Service Provider Name: Millennium Digital Media, L.L.C.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 8365100240068536
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$13,608.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$13,608.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

FCDL Date: 09/06/2006

Wave Number: 020

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEN: 131230
Funding Year: 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 502936
Funding Request Number: 1422015
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143004993
Service Provider Name: Michigan State University
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: MPS SCMC
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$2,000.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Applicant request
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: FRN canceled in consultation with the applicant.

FCDL Date: 09/06/2006

Wave Number: 020

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

Funding Request Number: 1440639
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143000893
Service Provider Name: Nextel West Corp
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 0009475930-5
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$369.48
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$369.48
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 28 Day Waiting Period Violated
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 application was signed and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28-day waiting period from the day of the posting of the Form 470 to the SLD Web Site.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEN: 131230
Funding Year: 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 502936
Funding Request Number: 1440679
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 812280000582145
SPIN: 143000677
Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: 52379310
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,135.80
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,135.80
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Applicant request
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: FRN canceled in consultation with the applicant.

FCDL Date: 09/06/2006

Wave Number: 020

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

Funding Request Number: 1460752
Funding Status: Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 932210000536763
SPIN: 143003128
Service Provider Name: American Messaging (AM), Inc.
Contract Number: 0004739100
Billing Account Number: 739100
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 02/15/2009
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$34.20
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$34.20
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 44%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$15.05 - FRN approved as submitted

FCDL Date: 09/06/2006

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